

**Name:**Scott Lobdell

**Age:**44 Years Old

**Residency:**Have lived in Townsend with my family since 2006.

**Family :**Married to Amie for 22 years. Three children. Sadie (17), Blake (15) and Gavin (9).

**Education:** Bachelor degree from Drexel University in Engineering.

**Occupation:**Professional Engineer since 2001. Project Manager for Van Cleef Engineering.

**Leadership/Experience:** As part of my Engineering career I have worked with a multitude of Planning Commissions, Boards and Councils. I am in charge of project development for all of Delaware and Maryland. I am also a founding member and current President of Revolution Sports which provides opportunities for young athletes to participate in various sports throughout the year at reasonable prices.

**Three most important issues in Townsend:**

**A.** Growth—Like it or not, growth within the Town is happening and will continue. The key to making it work is being smart about how the growth happens. Considering development design and how to apply reasonable regulations will allow for a good working relationship between the Town and developers which will ultimately result in products that will be favorable to the Town and all of the residents. A common sense approach to each project rather than a cookie cutter approach needs to be established to encourage outside the box thinking.

**B.** Safety—With growth (within the Town and nearby communities) there are growing pains. Traffic is a definite safety concern that needs to be considered Town wide. Where are the problem areas? What can be done to ease the congestion in other areas? What improvements or design elements need to be implemented to minimize the impact of new growth? All of these items need to be considered as the Town continues to grow. Working with DeIDOT and future developers to minimize these impacts and make improvements needs to be a priority. The other safety issue is crime in general. With the growth of any Town there will be an uptick in activities that need support from a police force. Evaluation and planning needs to take place to ensure as the Town grows there is adequate resources to minimize and anticipate the growing potential for criminal activity.

**C. Commercial Areas**–Townsend is a growing Town that still has a local small town feel. There are events in Town like the Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Caroling and Summer Move Nights, to name a few. Events and opportunities like this make Townsend unique in the sense that there is an identity in place, Small Town America. The one thing the Town lacks is that walkable local business area where a family can safely walk around on a nice day and spend some time shopping around without the need to drive 20 minutes. Where can a family walk to grab an ice cream sundae or just grab some flowers for the house? Where is the most potential for areas like this? What can be done to encourage small business to invest in the Town? How can we further support the existing local businesses in Town? An evaluation of these questions needs to take place and a plan should be prepared to resolve the potential barriers to help encourage the growth of this market.

**Helpful Experience:** I have been a Professional Engineer since 2001 who has worked with numerous Planning and approval agencies throughout Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland. I have seen many approaches to development and growth. Some approaches work and some leave you frankly scratching your head. My approach from the Engineering side of the process has allowed me to see things from a different perspective. My experience supports a project specific approach when considering various issues rather than following a straight checklist for every project regardless of situation. I believe my experience developing projects throughout the region and the related experiences will give me a beneficial advantage when leading the Town's growth going forward.